

Women's History Month

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WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. Overall, the contribution of women across the Nation has allowed the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; **and**

WHEREAS, Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life – science, community, government, literature, art, sports, medicine – has a huge impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women; **and**

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation. Furthermore, Women's History Month is celebrated internationally as women all over the world have served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; **and**

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by constituting the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; **and**

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; **and**

WHEREAS, Women's roles and success within the sciences, arts, and sports further support the success of such widespread social and cultural changes; **and**

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the peace movement and other movements which create a more fair and just society for all; **and**

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; **and**

WHEREAS, as a city it is our duty to the women of our Nation to ensure appropriate and significant actions be taken to applaud the works, accomplishments, and achievements of women of all races, class, and ethnic background. Women of the past have made historical impacts, and we pledge to distinguish the impacts of women today, and of the future: **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the month of March to be **"Women's History Month"** in the City of San Diego.